



1040 Harley-Davidson Way
Sturgis, SD 57785



News & Upcoming Events

Sturgis City Council: November 2 and 16 at 6:30pm at the Erskine Building.
Planning and Zoning: November 3 at 5:30pm at City Hall.

City Offices and the Library Will Be Closed - Wednesday, November 11 for Veterans Day. Trash normally picked up on Wednesday will be picked up on Thursday this week.

City Offices and the Library Will Be Closed - Thursday & Friday, November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving. Trash from Thursday's route will be collected on Wednesday and Friday's route will be collected on the following Monday.

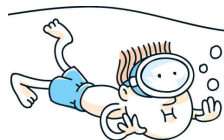
1st Avenue Drainage - Public Meeting on November 9 at 6:00pm in the Meade Room at the Sturgis Community Center.

Artist of the Month: Ray Tysdal is a fine art photographer who specializes in black and white photography.

History at High Noon: November 20 in the Program Room at the library. Mark Rambow will be presenting "Life and Death in Old Scooptown - Sturgis Main Street".

1st Interstate Bank Festival of Trees - November 20 from 5:30 until 8:00pm at 1200 Main Street.

Community Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 27 at the Community Center.



Community Center Membership Drive November 2 - 8

Sign up for a new membership or renew an existing membership this week and draw for savings from the Great Pumpkin! You can also bring in a canned or non-perishable item for the Kiwanis Food Pantry and get a free Day Pass to use whenever you like. Contact the Sturgis Community Center at 347-6513 for more information.

Officials

Mayor

Mark Carstensen 490-1044

Council Members

Ward One:

Mike Bachand 490-1054

Rod Bradley 389-3209

Ward Two:

Tony Dargatz 490-3584

David Hersrud 347-5061

Ward Three:

Jason Anderson 490-1618

Ron Waterland 720-5010

Ward Four:

Branden Bestgen 644-6005

Adam Martin 499-8549

City Manager

Daniel Ainslie 347-4422

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Our Mission: To provide an attractive, growing community being served by a professional staff that offers reliable, quality municipal services.

Sturgis Library Announces New KOHA System

The Sturgis Library is in the process of launching 'Koha', a new online catalog operating system.

Beginning November 2, this new, *super system* will allow patrons a full spectrum of services including access to library accounts and catalog information via mobile devices.

As part of the transition process, the catalog search functionality will be limited or unavailable on October 31 and November 1 while data is being transitioned to the new system. During this time, patrons can still check out materials at the library during normal library hours.

All patron information will migrate automatically to the new system. Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) will remain the same. Library staff will be available to provide assistance with the new system.

The Koha system will allow library patrons access to utilize the following features:

- ◆ Access the catalog via any mobile device
- ◆ Review current checkouts, renew materials and place holds online
- ◆ Manage privacy settings for reading and search history
- ◆ View details about fines
- ◆ Share favorite books on Facebook and Twitter
- ◆ Save searches and get notifications when new materials arrive
- ◆ Add personalized tags
- ◆ No new library card required

Rally Donation Presentations

On October 5, checks were presented to several non-profit organizations on behalf of Rally related activities.

The annual Mayor's Ride took place on August 3. The ride went from Sturgis to Mt. Rushmore and ended at Custer State Park. The charity ride raised \$31,500 which was donated to the following groups: Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department (\$20,500), Sturgis Ambulance (\$4,500), Deadwood VFW/Wounded Warriors (\$2,000) and Sturgis Police Reserves (\$4,500).

The Boz Brothers Charity Ride raised \$4,186 which they donated to the Sturgis City Park.

The Sturgis® Motorcycle Rally™ Sponsorship Program was able to give \$24,071.63 to the Sturgis Rally Charities Foundation. Those funds will be allocated by the Foundation to several local non-profit groups.

Earlier in the month, Sturgis Supermoto presented a check to the City in the amount of \$2,864.52 to be used for youth recreational programs. The third annual Sturgis Supermoto Races took place on September 18 and 20 in downtown Sturgis.

Event promoters and the City would like to thank our sponsors and participants for their generosity and support.



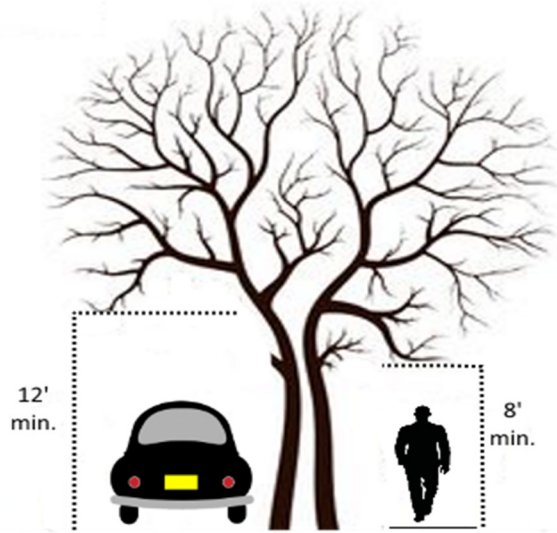
The City of Sturgis presents a check to members of the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department. The funds were generated by the Annual Sturgis Mayor's Ride.

Important Reminders Regarding Parking on City Streets

- State law prohibits parking within 15' of any fire hydrant or stop sign. City Ordinance also requires maintaining a 5' clear zone around all fire hydrants. During the winter months, residents who live near fire hydrants are asked to clear snow away from hydrants so they are easily identified in the event of a fire emergency.
- Sturgis City Ordinance prohibits parking of RV's, campers and trailers in the public right of way (on a public street, alleyway or boulevard) for more than 24 hours. With winter just around the corner, it's important to remember that having RV's and trailers parked on the street hampers snow removal efforts. If RV's and trailers are left on the street for more than 24 hours they are subject to being towed at the owners expense.
- If you live on a designated "Snow Route" you cannot park vehicles of any type on the street during a designated "Snow Event". A "Snow Event" is described as any time 4" or more of snow is predicted by the National Weather Service.



Is It Time To Trim Your Trees?



Sturgis City Ordinance requires trees to be trimmed to at least 12 feet over city streets and at least 8 feet over public sidewalks. During periods of heavy snow, overhanging branches bend even lower making it difficult for snow plows to operate effectively.

Sturgis Rally Director Moving On

City of Sturgis Rally and Events Director, Brenda Vasknetz, recently announced her resignation. Ms. Vasknetz has been with the City for the past 27 years. Ms. Vasknetz began her career with the City Water Department in 1988, assisting the City Engineer and overseeing utility billing. In 1997 she became Deputy Finance Officer, handling accounts payable, liquor licensing and voter records. In September 2003, Ms. Vasknetz became the Assistant Director of the newly formed Rally & Events Department. In 2008, she was named Director of the Department. Vasknetz was instrumental in the development of the Mayor's Ride and the Rally's Military Appreciation Day. She also worked to establish the annual Sturgis Supermoto Races in downtown Sturgis. Ms. Vasknetz's decision to resign comes after the recent successes of the 75th Sturgis® Motorcycle Rally™. Ms. Vasknetz also served as a Board member for the Black Hills Badlands & Lakes Tourism Association. In 2013 she was voted *Employee of the Year* by her peers. Most recently, she was named by the Rapid City Journal as one of the top 5 people to watch in 2015. We thank Brenda for her years of service to the Sturgis community and wish her the very best in her future endeavors.



BOXERS - BRIEFS & SOCKS

Please help our veterans at Ft. Meade Hospital by donating new boxers, briefs and white socks. Donations can be dropped off at the following locations prior to November 10: 1st Interstate Bank, 1st National Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Pioneer Bank, Northern Hills Federal Credit Union, Simply Service (Lynn's Dakota Mart) and ShopKo.

Thanks for Caring!
Sturgis Golden "K" Kiwanis Club

Department of Corrections Crews Perform Much Needed Clean Up And Maintenance

During the week of October 12, several individuals from the Department of Corrections worked picking up trash at both exits into Sturgis and along Moose Drive. Over 40 '55 gallon' bags were filled with trash that had been scattered during the previous windy weekend. They also scraped and painted 249 fire hydrants at various locations in the city and stenciled storm drains.

The minimum-security work crews were supervised by the Code Inspection Officer and the Building Inspector.

The Sanitation Department reminds residents that all trash must be placed in bags that are then tied shut prior to being placed in a tote. Loose trash falls out when the tote is emptied and ends up littering the neighborhoods.



Storm drains are commonly labeled to remind people that when liquids enter these drains they end up in our waterways downstream. Those waterways provide habitat to many ecosystems. It is illegal to dump paint, fuel, cleaning products, grease and any other liquid into a storm drain. If you have questions about how to properly dispose of liquids, call the Public Works Department at 347-3916.

Project Updates . . .



Starline Park is nearing completion. This neighborhood park features a basketball half-court, playground area and picnic shelter. The park is located at the corner of Starline Avenue and Oak Grove Court. A portion of the funding for the park was obtained through a recreational grant from the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Department.



The City of Sturgis has secured \$250,000 in funding through the Recreational Trails Program to construct a three mile trail around the Fort Meade Veterans Administration Hospital. The trail will be handicapped accessible and will tie into key existing facilities and points of interest. Construction of the trail will begin in 2016.



Branch and yard waste collection bins are now available at the south side recycling station at Exit 32. These bins are provided for residential use only. There are also designated bins for glass, aluminum and other recyclables at this location. Corrugated cardboard and newspapers are collected at the Public Works shop located at 1057 Dudley Street.

Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422
City Attorney 347-4422
Code Enforcement and Inspections 347-4422

Finance Office 347-4422
Human Resources 347-4422
Rally Department 720-0800
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

Community Center 347-6513
5:00 - 8:00 Mon. - Fri.
8:00 - 5:00 Sat.
Noon - 5:00 Sun.
1401 Lazelle Street

Fire & Ambulance 347-5801
Emergency 911
7:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1901 Ballpark Road

Library 347-2624
8:00 - 7:00 Mon. - Thur.
8:00 - 5:00 Fri.
8:00 - 4:00 Sat.
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

Liquor Store 347-5983
8:00 - 10:00 Mon. - Sat.
10:00 - 6:00 Sun.
1075 Lazelle Street

Parks Department 347-9018
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1920 Ballpark Road
Shelter Reservations call 347-4422

Police Department 347-5070
Emergency 911
1400 Main Street

Public Works 347-3916
7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri.
1057 Dudley Street
Rubble Site 347-5605
8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Sat.
20492 Avalanch Road

Water Department 347-4422
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1040 Harley-Davidson Way
After Hours Emergency call
Police Dispatch 347-2573
Payment Drop Box:
1040 Harley-Davidson Way
We now accept credit cards.